

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
DECEMBER 16, 2019
DEMOLITION AND RELOCATION PERMITS
HDP-2019-0575
4507 FINLEY DRIVE**

PROPOSAL

Demolish a ca. 1953 house.

ARCHITECTURE

One-story frame Ranchette clad in horizontal wood siding with masonry accents, side-gabled roof clad in composition shingles, multi-light picture window and single 6-light casement windows, partial-width porch, and built-in carport at main elevation.

RESEARCH

The house was constructed in 1953 by builder Walter Carrington. Its first owner-occupants were Marvin E. and Alief H. Lewis, who lived in the house until at least 1977. Marvin Lewis worked at the Texas State Highway Commission until at least 1968, first as a special equipment operator and then as a construction supervisor. Alief Halton Lewis's mother, Mrs. John C. Halton, lived with the Lewis family in their home for a year until her death. Alief H. Lewis and her mother were descendants of Stephen F. Austin's first colony in Texas.

By 1981, the house was vacant; it was occupied during the remainder of the '80s and '90s by short-term owners.

STAFF COMMENTS

Designation Criteria—Historic Landmark

- 1) The building is more than 50 years old.
- 2) The building appears to retain high to moderate integrity.
- 3) Properties must meet two historic designation criteria for landmark designation (LDC, §25-2-352).
 - a) *Architecture*. The house is constructed in the Ranchette/Transitional Ranch style.
 - b) *Historical association*. The house does not appear to meet the criterion for significant historical association, as it does not have long-standing significant associations with persons, groups, institutions, businesses, or events of historic importance; the Commission may consider its residents as examples of middle-class residents of Austin.
 - c) *Archaeology*. The house was not evaluated for its potential to yield significant data concerning the human history or prehistory of the region.
 - d) *Community value*. The house does not possess a unique location, physical characteristic, or significant feature that contributes to the character, image, or cultural identity of the city, the neighborhood, or a particular demographic group.
 - e) *Landscape feature*. The property is not a significant natural or designed landscape with artistic, aesthetic, cultural, or historical value to the city.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Encourage rehabilitation and adaptive re-use, then relocation over demolition, but release the permit upon completion of a City of Austin Documentation Package, consisting of photographs of all elevations, a dimensioned sketch plan, and a narrative history, for archiving at the Austin History Center.

LOCATION MAP



-  SUBJECT TRACT
-  PENDING CASE
-  ZONING BOUNDARY

NOTIFICATIONS
CASE#: HDP-2019-0575
LOCATION: 4507 FINLEY DR



1" = 333'

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PROPERTY INFORMATION

Photos



Photo: Zillow.com, Google street view

Occupancy History

City Directory Research, Austin History Center, December 2019

1992	Susan Koegel, owner
1985-86	Kevin and Karen T. Greene, owners Accountant The directory indicates that the Greenes are new residents.
1981	Vacant
1977	Marvin E. and Alief H. Lewis, owners Retired
1973	Marvin E. and Alief H. Lewis, owners Retired
1968	Marvin E. and Alief H. Lewis, owners Construction supervisor, State Highway Department
1965	Marvin E. and Alief H. Lewis, owners
1962	Marvin E. and Alief H. Lewis, owners Laborer, State Highway Department
1959	Marvin E. and Alief H. Lewis, owners Equipment operator, State Highway Department
1955	Marvin E. and Alief H. Lewis, owners Special equipment operator, State Highway Department

Biographical Information



CARPENTERS HONORED — Three Austin men, veteran members of Local 1266, United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, were cited Wednesday for their 60-plus years of membership in the union. Left to right are T.W. Robisher, James R. Davis, and, seated, Edwin Schneider. Robisher, 83, 4507 Finley Dr., and Schneider, 82, 613 Hearn St., received pins for 65

years of membership in the union. Davis, 80, 2209 E. 18th St., received a 63-year pin. Standing, center, is G.A. McNell, business representative for Local 1266, and fastening the pin to Schneider's lapel is William Sidell of Washington, first general vice president of the national carpenters-joiners union. (Staff Photo by Richard Creed)

The Austin Statesman; Jan 6, 1972

DEATHS and FUNERALS

MRS. JOHN C. HALTON SR.

Funeral services for Mrs. John C. Halton Sr., 77, will be held in the Weed-Corley Funeral Home Wednesday at 5 p. m. with the Rev. G. R. Grimes of the Round Rock Methodist Church officiating.

Burial will be in Capital Memorial Gardens.

Mrs. Halton, a descendant of members of Stephen F. Austin's first colony in Texas, died Tuesday night in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Marvin Lewis, 4507 Finley Drive.

The daughter of Joseph T. and Jennie Dyer Davis, Mrs. Halton was born Sept. 6, 1866, in the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Dyer, at Kenney's Fort in Palm Valley, a Williamson County community east of Round Rock.

She was a descendant of two of the old "Colony of 300," William Stafford and Judge C. C. Dyer.

A resident of Austin the past three years, Mrs. Halton lived all her life in Round Rock until moving here.

She is survived by her husband; two other daughters, Mrs. Ernest L. Lundelius of Austin and Mrs. Elliott E. Brogren of Georgetown; two sons, John C. Halton Jr. of Houston and J. Gail Halton of Austin; two brothers, Swenson Davis of Stamford and Dr. Joe Davis of Welfare; and a sister, Mrs. Starkey Duncan Sr. of Austin.

MRS. LOUISE RENO

Mrs. Louise Joergens Reno, 73, a lifetime resident of Austin, died in Houston Sunday. She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church.

She is survived by one son, Vincent Reno, and two grandchildren, all of Houston.

Rosary services were held Tuesday in the Chapel of the Bells, and requiem mass followed in St. Mary's Catholic Church Wednesday.

Pallbearers were Ralph Nuhn, Charles Schneider, Bill Boerner, Sonny Olf, George Greis, and Adolph Cuellar.

Burial was in Mt. Calvary Cemetery under the direction of the Wilke-Thurman-Clay Funeral Home.

ROBERT MARTIN STENE

Robert Martin Stene, 82, of 1008-B San Antonio died at his residence Wednesday. He had been a resident of Austin for the past 27 years, and was a retired cartographer. He was a member of the Episcopal Church of Good Shepherd, a professional engineer, a member of the Engineers Club and of the Ben Hur Shrine Temple.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Lyla Stene of Austin.

The body is at the Hyltin-Manor Funeral Home pending completion of funeral arrangements.

HENRY F. WERCHAN

The Austin Statesman; Aug 11, 1954



JUDGE'S AUTOGRAPH—Associate Justice Meade F. Griffin welcomed 75 youngsters from 14 chapters of the Children of the Republic of Texas in a weekend pilgrimage of the capitol and other historic shrines, and gave autographs to, left, Earlene Meier, daughter

of Mr. and Mrs. Edward W. Meier, 707 West 27th Street, and Sharon Leaf Lewis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Lewis, 4507 Finley Drive. The Governor's Mansion, the Daughters of the Republic of Texas Museum and the French legation were other points visited.—(Neal Douglass Photo).

The Austin Statesman; Apr 20, 1953

Building Permits

Walter Carrington 4507 Finley Dr.
 182 N.64.43' of 17'
Shoal Village #2
 Frame Res. & Carport Attached,
 52969 1-19-53 \$9000.00
 Owner

Building permit, 1-19-53
WATER SERVICE PERMIT D No 7582
 Austin, Texas

Rep. laces D-2802
 3/16/53

Received of WALTER CARRINGTON Date 3-3-53
 Address 4507 FINLEY DR.
 Amount TWENTY AND N/10 \$20.00
 Plumber A. J. M. PLBC. 44 Size of Tap 3/4"
 Date of Connection 3-3-53
 Size of Tap Made _____
 Size Service Made _____
 Size Main Tapped _____
 From Front Prop. Line to Curb Cock 7.5
 From Prop. Line to Curb Cock _____
 Location of Meter 7.5
 Type of Box CURB
 Depth of Main in St. 12.00
 Depth of Service Line _____
 From Curb Cock to Tap on Main _____
 Checked by Engr. Dept. 1-28-53 RZ

No. Fittings	Size	
2	5/8"	Curb Cock
2	1/2"	St. Elbow
2	1/2"	Bushing
6	3/4"	Pipe
2	1/2"	Reducers
2	1/2"	Lead Comp. Nipples
1	1/2"	Union
1	3/4"	Plug
1	3/4"	Tee
1	3/4"	Stop
1	3/4"	Box
1	3/4"	Lid
1	3/4"	Valves
		Job No. <u>205323-502</u>
		Req. No. <u>Wack</u>

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Water tap permit, 1-28-53